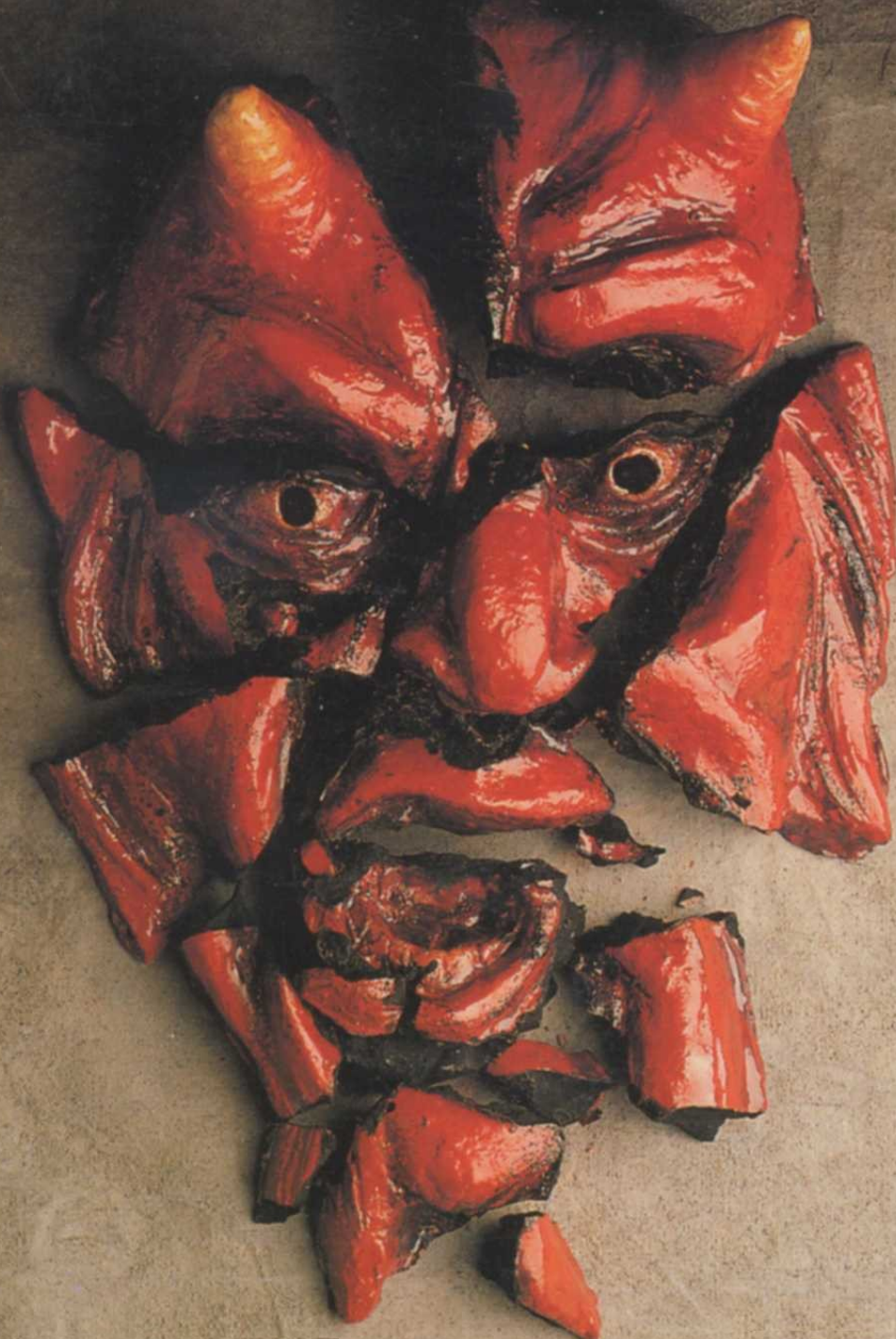


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We know that Satan is a defeated foe. We not only need to tell the world this, we need to demonstrate it by the power of the Holy Ghost, and use the Word of God and the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible says in 1 John 3:8, **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

Again in Hebrews 2:14 (Amplified) the Bible tells us that **since, therefore, [these His] children share in flesh and blood—He [Himself] in a similar manner partook of the same [nature], that by [going through] death He might bring to nought and make of no effect him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.**

The Spirit of God is in us to empower us to bring this demonstration to the world. Jesus said, **In my name shall [you] cast out demons** (Mark 16:17). We are to set the captives free! We are to demonstrate Satan's defeat in our own lives and in the lives of others.

This demonstration should be in every realm of life—physical, spiritual, financial, marital, mental—every phase of our activities.

I want you to notice what the Amplified Version of the Bible says about the purpose of the believer receiving the Holy Ghost. John 16:8 tells us that **when He comes [the Holy Spirit], He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and**

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about righteousness—uprightness of heart and right standing with God—and about judgment (emphasis mine).

Verses 9-11 tell us that the Holy Ghost will bring this demonstration **about sin, because they do not believe on Me... about righteousness... because I go to My Father and you will see Me no longer. About judgment, because THE RULER (PRINCE) OF THIS WORLD (SATAN) IS JUDGED AND CONDEMNED AND SENTENCE ALREADY IS PASSED UPON HIM** (emphasis mine).

Notice carefully that the Lord Jesus is saying the Holy Ghost will be in the believer to **bring a demonstration** about judgment, because the ruler of this world (Satan) is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

We are to Demonstrate Satan's Defeat!

Remember that the Holy Ghost is in us to bring about a demonstration. He is eager and jealous for Jesus to be glorified. He is zealous to perform this demonstration. He will rise quickly to come to the aid of every believer **to demonstrate to the world** that Jesus has completely conquered Satan and every demonic force.

It is pitiful to see the sons and daughters of God, cringing in fear of demonic powers and being overtaken by demons daily. I am sure the angels in Heaven weep to see the Body of Christ harassed in such a manner when

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the Lord Jesus Christ died to make them more than conquerors!

Let me illustrate what I mean. I had a dog named Scooter. He was a fine, big German Shepherd dog. When I went bicycling, many times he would go with me. He pranced along by my side like a thoroughbred! He would hold his head up high. He was agile and quick. I looked at him many times and thought what a fine looking dog he was and how proud I was of him! He seemed to be fearless as if he would fight with anything that got in his way.

One day as I was bicycling through the neighborhood with my fine dog trotting along by my side, the most unusual thing happened. A tiny little dog came racing out of the yard towards Scooter. I thought to myself, **Be careful little dog. Scooter can tear you up in a moment's time. He is so big and strong.**

But here is exactly what happened: That tiny little dog barked incessantly at Scooter and charged at him bravely. I expected Scooter to grab him by the neck and shake him vigorously to teach him to leave him alone. I knew he was well able to do that, but instead my big, brave dog gave up the battle before it even began! He hung his head in a cowardly fashion and rolled over and surrendered. That little dog went around him barking as though he was giving him orders never to come that way again!

I was so shocked!

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I was devastated to think that a little dog had overpowered my big courageous dog. I thought, **You are a sorry dog. You're not nearly as big on the inside as you are on the outside.** I went home totally ashamed of my dog!

Now this is not nearly as sad in the sight of God as seeing the new creatures of the great race of the Lord Jesus Christ—who are the righteousness of God, endowed by the Spirit of God, mighty sons and daughters of God, who are to reign with Christ throughout eternity—turn and run from little demon powers every day!

The Bible says there are doctrines of demons that will arise in the last days (see 1 Timothy 4:1). The devil must laugh at the thousands of Christians—the mighty sons and daughters of God—who are intimidated by demon forces. They have the power to cast out demons and yet they roll over and surrender like my big dog in the face of these defeated demon forces.

God has told us in His Word that we have been given the Holy Ghost to **bring a demonstration to the world** that Satan is a defeated foe! [The Holy Ghost] **will convict and convince the world and bring a demonstration ... [that] the ruler of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him** (John 16:8,11, Amplified).

I know experientially what it is to contend with the devil in the arena of life. He will try every way possible to defeat you and unless you learn how to conquer him, you

could go through an entire lifetime dominated by fear.

My Personal Conflict

A few years ago, God visited me in a vision. He showed me in conflict with Satan in three arenas. One was a lesser battle; another a stronger battle, and in the third one, I was in the presence of Satan himself. I called him the evil genius of this world, the prince of this world, because he sat like a genius on a pedestal in a small room. He seemed to sit in a sense of dignity and power.

In this part of the vision, I stood by the door. There was a man trying to get to the door to get out of the room where the devil was. He was clawing and swimming through the air, moving his legs and arms slowly trying to get to that door. He was really struggling and trying to get out, but he was not gaining any ground. Satan was looking at him. He was holding him with his eyes—just looking at him as if to say, "You cannot get out. I have you in my power."

I watched this situation in this vision for a while. I saw that Satan did not move a hand, but just held the man in his power by looking at him. Those in the kingdom of darkness are under his rule! As I stood there in this visitation, anger welled up inside of me.

As I realized that the man could not get out of there, I said, "Well, I will walk out of here in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!" and I did just that ... I walked out of there immediately in the Name of Jesus!

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At that time I did not realize that God was showing me that Satan was going to attack me at three levels. I was to go through a tremendous time of oppression and satanic attack.

I had pushed myself pretty hard in the Lord's work. You can be so busy for God that you do not have any time for God. You can be so religious that you do not truly seek God. You need to have time for reading your Bible and praying in greater depth.

Though I was in a time of intense, horrible, satanic oppression, God was teaching me.

One day as I drove down the highway, I broke down, weeping. It just seemed as if all the forces of hell had come against me and my nervous system had collapsed. I felt as if all of my glands had ceased to function. It was a most peculiar feeling. Something had happened. I suddenly felt under condemnation about everything.

I did not know that the devil was doing all this to me. I should have, but you see, the devil is a deceiver. I knew in a general sense that all bad things were from the devil. I was a preacher of the Gospel, but at that time in my life, I did not realize that all hell had been let loose on me.

I went from bad to worse. This continued for months. I felt the very presence of hell and demons of every kind. Every evil force came against me. All initiative left me. Everything was too big to think about. A little task would cause me to weep because it seemed totally and absolutely impossible to do!

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Satanic forces and the presence of demons encompassed me. Fear came on me. It was such hellish fear that I had never imagined could exist.

Fear would grip me regarding every area of my life. The devil told me I had a brain tumor. The devil told me I had a fatal illness. Then the devil told me I was dying of an unknown, incurable disease. Sleep went from me. Insomnia is a terrible thing. When morning would come, I would wish for night. When night would come, I would long for morning. My heart would pound like it would come out of my chest.

I was not a baby Christian. I was a minister that needed to use the Word of God. While all of this oppression was on me, I was trying to minister.

I was planning a speaking trip when a man came to me and prophesied. He prophesied that he had seen a vision of me getting on an airplane (I had planned to fly on my trip). He said he saw the plane rising up in the air and bursting into flames and coming down with a crash.

So I took a train! And the first mistake that I made was that I acted on fear and took the train!

Let me add this: Weigh very carefully all prophecy. Do not receive prophecy from any person without first comparing it to the Word of God. Be careful any time prophecy dominates you, puts you under fear, and makes you apprehensive about disobeying that prophecy. Beware of it! Some people have been held in the bondage of false prophecy for years. Prophecy is to edify, exhort,

and comfort. It is not to scare you.

When I took that train instead of flying, I acted on fear. When you act on fear, things get worse. Fear activates Satan's power. Faith activates God's power.

We are to demonstrate that Satan is defeated. God has given us His Word. We are to remain in the arena of battle with His Word until we make up our minds to use it and deliver ourselves by the power of the Holy Ghost. (See 2 Timothy 2:26.)

When you act on fear, fear takes possession of you! I had such a hellish fear of flying that the very thought of flying made me break out in a cold sweat. When I acted on that fear and took the train, a fear of flying engulfed me.

Fear is the devil's tool. Never act on fear! Fear is a vapor, a lie.

This condition existed for several months. I closed my offices. I began to seek God. I could not sleep at night. I did not teach or preach very often. I had a terrible fear of everything possible—sickness, disease, even flying. I could not hear from Heaven.

I felt separated from God—like He was ten million miles away. I could not grasp anything in the Word of God. I could not reach the throne of God in prayer. Satan was all around me.

A Time of Testing, Proving

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I thank God that while I was in this situation, He sent a man all the way from Fort Worth, Texas, to Houston to encourage me. He came before I ever heard from God. He told me, "God sent me by here."

I had not told anyone about my terrible situation. I really could not explain in natural terms what I was going through then. It was a spiritual battle. This man came to me and told me that he had been through a similar experience. God had brought him out of it. He said to me, "Brother Osteen, you will be all right. I have been where you are now. God brought me out and He will bring you out, too."

It was the sweetest sentence I could ever hear! I never dreamed I would ever be all right. But God wanted me to know that He would bring me through. **God is no respecter of persons** (Acts 10:34). What He has done for me, He will do for you! If you are in the midst of a battle, He will bring you through also!

Hope was in my heart, but I was not out yet.

One day I was weeping before God. I said, "Lord, what in the world is the matter with me? God, why don't You hear me? Lord, why haven't You rescued me?"

God wanted me to become a preacher of faith. He wanted me to take the Word of God and help the children of God rise up against the pressures of the devil and demon forces. He wanted me to be able to unfold the truths that I am now sharing. He wanted me to be a helper to the Body of Christ. The only way I could do this was to

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come out of it by the Word of God!

If God had run to my rescue and lifted me up like a baby, I would still be a baby. There comes a time when God says, "You are grown up. I have more confidence in you than you have in yourself. I am going to prove you in the field of battle with the Word of God."

This is the reason why some of you have felt your prayers have not been answered. This is why some of you are still suffering. This is why some of you are wondering why God has not heard you. He is letting you know who you **really** are as a new creature in Christ Jesus.

A Lesson in Victory

God is good. God will visit you. He will speak to your heart to help you. While I was kneeling, praying, and crying, God said, "What about the visitation I gave you many months ago?" (Remember the vision about the three arenas of battle? When God visits you, you do not forget it. Spiritual things are eternal.)

Up to that time, I had never once connected that visitation with my present situation. God says in His Word, **Before [you] call, I will answer** (Isaiah 65:24).

In His mercy and in His love, God had visited me and prepared me beforehand. Now He reminded me of that visitation. So, I reflected on all of those things that God had taken me through (of being in the three arenas with the devil). I recalled how I was with Satan in that room. There was a man in there trying to get out, but he could

not get out. I recounted it all aloud to God. God spoke to me in my spirit and asked, "Where were you in this room?"

I recalled that I was by the door. I had stood up straight like a soldier. I had said, "I will walk out of here in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." I remembered that in the vision I had just walked out.

The Lord said to me, "Son, you are there in the third arena right now. You are in the presence of the prince of this world. He is fear. He is torment. You are in that place, enclosed with him tormenting you. You saw yourself rise up like a soldier and march out in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now do it!"

Thank God I acted on what He told me to do. I arose from my knees, wiped the tears away, and set my face like flint towards victory. I did not **feel** victory, but in my heart I accepted it as a fact already realized. Every outward circumstance and symptom remained the same, but in my heart I was healed. I knew I was delivered! My business was to walk out of the situation.

Slowly, but surely, I began to come out of it. It may appear that there is no easy way out of a situation like this, but there **is** a way out! Jesus said, "I am the door!"

What did I do? I turned back to the Word of God and began to get the revelation I needed from the Bible. During those weeks and months of meditating upon the Word of God, I began to learn what Christ Jesus had purchased for me. I began to understand who I was in

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Christ. I began to comprehend my position of power and authority over demon forces. Something began to rise up within me because of this revelation. You see, it is the truth that sets you free!

I want to emphasize to you that you cannot be free and stay permanently free until you know what Jesus has done for you in defeating Satan. You need to know who you are in Christ and your authority and place of power in Christ Jesus. You must **act upon this truth and drive Satan away yourself!**

You can demonstrate Satan's defeat! The Holy Ghost is in you to bring that demonstration!

I began to fill my spirit and mind full of the Word of God. I began to confess who I was in Christ. I began to say daily what God said about me as a new creature.*

Overcoming Fear in My Own Life

I returned to the place where I had acted on the fear of flying.

I knew that I had to demonstrate Satan's defeat in this area where I had let him dominate me. I decided to take a trip by airplane. It was hard. It was **so** hard! Fear has torment. The devil told me that the plane would fall. He told me that I would never see my wife and children

*For the full teaching on this subject, you can read the book, entitled *The Confessions of a Baptist Preacher*, by John Osteen.

again.

But I was determined to act on my faith just as I had acted on fear. I knew that acting on fear had activated Satan. I knew that if I would act on faith, it would activate God.

Now you understand that I did not feel like flying. But it does not matter what you feel like. Just act like God told you the truth.

When you act on fear, you are saying by your actions that Satan is mightier than God. When you act on the Word of God in faith against fear, you are saying God is greater than the devil.

Remember, acting on fear activates Satan. But acting on the Word of God in faith activates the power of God!

As I went to the airport, feeling so filled with anxiety, I thought I would surely have a four-engine jet that would without doubt safely get me to my destination in spite of what I felt. When I started to get on the plane I saw that it was a rickety looking, two-engine propeller plane. My knees got weak and I almost fainted. I managed to get on the plane. I sat down and immediately broke out in a cold sweat.

But I know that Jesus smiled and the angels rejoiced because they saw my determination to act on God's Word against Satan's lying fear. Jesus had deliberately left me in the arena of battle until I could take the Sword of the Spirit and drive Satan away myself! I quoted the promises

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of God all the way there. I told Satan what God had promised. I resisted him steadfastly with God's Word. I was to bring a demonstration that Satan was defeated in this area of my life!

And guess what—the plane landed safely! I felt fear all the way to my destination, but thank God I landed safely. Then the devil told me, "You will never get back home unless you walk." But the devil is a liar.

When I got back on that plane to come home, I did not feel God's presence. I felt fear. But I acted like God told me the truth. He had said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee** (Hebrews 13:5). He had said in His Word that **there shall no evil befall thee... For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways** (Psalm 91:10,11). So, I acted on those promises instead of the devil's lies!

Thank God, we landed safely! Satan's power over me was broken and since that time I have flown all over the world so many times I cannot keep count. I have flown to Europe many times, as well as Africa, India, the Philippine Islands, New Zealand, and many other countries of the world.

Now when I get on an airplane, I lie down and go to sleep. I wake up refreshed in another country for **all** fear has been driven away. I have demonstrated Satan's defeat in my own life!

Many of you have had the same battles with fear about cancer, your home, your husband, your wife, your

family, about many things. Fear has torment. But I want you to know you can drive the enemy out by the Word of God and the Name of Jesus.

Rise up and act against the enemy! He will depart. The Word of God says that when you **resist the devil, he will flee from you** (James 4:7).

You may wonder why you are in such a battle today. Some of you may have even asked the question, "Why doesn't God rescue me?"

The Word of God says Satan will steal, kill, and destroy (see John 10:10). But I want you to know God has a plan for victory. He has put the Holy Ghost in you to demonstrate that Satan is a defeated foe.

God has left you on the field of battle with Satan to help you grow up. He wants you to learn the Word of God, wield the Sword of the Spirit, and drive the devil away so that you will know that the Holy Ghost works! He is inside of you, and in the midst of your battle **He will help you demonstrate Satan's defeat!**

Satan is a Defeated Foe

As you become knowledgeable of God's Word, you will find the assurance that Jesus defeated Satan in every area of life.

When Jesus went to the cross and performed the redemptive work, it was to conquer Satan FOR YOU AND ME!

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The revelation of redemption is given in the Epistles of the Bible. You need to read the Bible to find out what God has done for you. In these Epistles, you will find the unfolding of all that God, through Jesus Christ, did in that wonderful but terrible hour.

What a tremendous thing happened when Jesus died on the cross! Even the earth refused to let the sun shine on it. The earth revolted with an earthquake. It was an awful, terrible hour of conflict with spiritual forces.

When Jesus died, He died to conquer Satan for you and me. The disciples did not even understand all about it. They had to have a revelation of it.

Paul gives this revelation in the Book of Ephesians: [That you might know] **what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all** (Ephesians 1:19-23).

Jesus defeated Satan. He arose and was lifted far above all demonic power. Ephesians 2:6 tells us that God has **raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.**

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We are the Church, His Body. Every demonic force has been placed under His feet and our feet. Thank God that is the reason we can trample on serpents and scorpions! (See Luke 10:19.)

Philippians 2:5-10 says, **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.**

Every knee shall bow and every tongue will acknowledge that Jesus is Lord of all three worlds!

We can enforce Satan's defeat because of the position we stand in as sons and daughters of God. Colossians 1:13 tells us that the Father **hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.** We are seated in heavenly places, ruling and reigning with Jesus who has already conquered the enemy.

Ephesians 4:8-10 says, **Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it**

but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

The Bible says Jesus Christ has already won the victory for you. **He spoiled principalities and powers, and made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it** [the cross] (Colossians 2:15).

Let me illustrate this: In the days when kings conquered nations, the victorious king would take the defeated king and put him and his army in chains. Then this captain of the host would lead that king and his army, stripped of armor, naked, without sword, or shield, in chains, back to parade them before his own king. He would bring back the spoils and the evidence that he had conquered this king and his army and all of his kingdom.

Jesus, our victorious King, went down into the dark regions of hell. He conquered Satan and all the demonic forces. He chained them and disarmed them. He took all of their armor off and paraded them out in the spirit world before the angels and before God, the Father, and made an open display of the fact that they have been defeated eternally! It is that defeat that is our victory today!

The Keys of the Kingdom

I know Satan once had the keys to the kingdoms of this world, because when he showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, he said, *"If you will just fall down*

and worship me, I will give dominion to you because it has been delivered to me" (see Matthew 4:8,9).

Who delivered the keys to Satan in the first place? We all know that Adam delivered them. He sold out to the devil and handed him the keys of the earth. Adam was no longer the god of this world, no longer in charge. Satan stripped Adam of his authority and became the god of this world (see Romans 6:16).

I do not know all that happened when Jesus descended into that dark region of hell, but I know that when Jesus came out, He was the Victor. John, on the isle of Patmos, saw Him with that white robe and golden girdle. His eyes were like blazing fire. His hair was white as wool, His feet like burnished brass. He was beautiful and mighty (see Revelation 1:13-16).

Jesus said, **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forever more: Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death** (Revelation 1:18).

Jesus had the keys of that dark, hellish kingdom. But thank God, Jesus did not keep them! Representing the Church, Jesus turned to Peter and said, *"Peter, soon, though you do not understand now, I am going to give the keys of the Kingdom—to you, to the Church, to every believer. I will give it in the Holy Ghost. Whatsoever they bind on earth will be bound in Heaven. Whatsoever they loose on earth will be loosed in Heaven"* (see Matthew 16:19).

We have the keys of the Kingdom in the Holy Ghost!

Galatians 3:13,14 tells us, **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

God has always been on our side. God is for us. When Jesus came, His Name was to be called "Emmanuel" which means "God with us." He was with us, and now He is in us!

Jesus said, **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you [the Holy Ghost] (John 14:16).** When the disciples and the congregation assembled at Pentecost received the Holy Ghost, the Bible declares that **therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear (Acts 2:33).** That was the Holy Ghost!

After Jesus ascended to the Father and sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat, we received the right to have our bodies become the temples of that same, mighty Holy Ghost. We could then partake of the dynamic, supernatural, flowing energy that Jesus had during His earthly life.

Jesus knew the power of the Holy Ghost. He knew that it was so good and so wonderful that He could come to earth as a man, demonstrate it, and then die that all might have it.

Jesus wanted us to experience laying hands on the blind and seeing a blind man leap for joy; to know what it is to say by the Holy Ghost, "Satan, be gone," and see him run! He wants us to know and to see the thrill of God working through us. Jesus knew that this would bring us joy. He wants us to set the captives free, win the lost, and be His channel of blessing.

Jesus said, **I cast out devils by the Spirit of God** (Matthew 12:28). **Jesus demonstrated Satan's defeat by the Holy Ghost!**

Read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and you will see a Jesus who faced the devil with the Holy Ghost and the Word of God. He said, **Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity** (Luke 13:12). He commanded devils with a word and they obeyed Him. Legions came out of one man (see Mark 5:9).

Jesus did it all by the same Holy Ghost that is in you and me! He said we would be able to do all that He did and more. In John 14:12 the Bible says, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

Power from the Holy Ghost

In the early days of the Church, all throughout the Book of Acts, the believers knew their power over the enemy. They spoke with authority! They did not continually contend with demonic harassment. They

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spoke with the power of the Holy Ghost and demons obeyed instantly! **They demonstrated Satan's defeat to the world!**

We have the blessed Holy Ghost in us. Paul wrote, **Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?** (1 Corinthians 3:16). We have Almighty God on the inside of us! We have the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost living within our very beings!

Colossians 2:10 (Amplified) reads, **You are in Him, made full and have come to fullness of life—in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and reach full spiritual stature.**

Let me share with you a story that relates this very same principle: In the early days of our marriage, my father-in-law decided that he would buy us a car. What good news that was! We were so happy to have such help from our wonderful relatives. Just to think about having a car completely paid for in those days thrilled us beyond words!

You can rest assured that we got "car fever" real fast. We thought cars, talked cars, dreamed about cars, and looked for cars for weeks. Since it was going to be completely paid for, we wanted to be sure to get the right one.

Finally after weeks of searching, we decided on a certain model and proudly drove it home and parked it in the garage.

A few days after we had purchased the car, I had this experience: While in the house, a certain radio commercial about a new car caught my attention. Having been so interested in cars of late, I listened carefully to what the announcer had to say. I had tuned in late on the commercial so I did not know what make of car he was talking about. As I listened to him describe all the wonderful features of this car, my heart sank. I knew I had made a mistake in getting the car that I had parked in the garage. I thought, **Oh, if I had just waited until I had heard this commercial about this wonderful car and all of its abilities and features, I would not have made the mistake that I did.**

I was so disappointed as I thought about my car in the garage. How I wished I had waited to get this one that was being described! It sounded so much better!

Then, to my utter amazement, when the man finished the commercial and told the make and model of the car that he had so wonderfully described, I discovered I had the very same car sitting in my garage!

You see, I had something wonderful in my garage, but I did not know how to fully appreciate it until somebody who knew **more** about it than I did described it to me!

We need to know what we have in our garages! By that, I mean we need to know what we have in our lives when we have the Holy Ghost. Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, but many times we do not appreciate that

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almighty power until someone who understands it begins to unfold to us the wonderful power and ability of this indwelling Person.

God knows about the Holy Ghost. When God begins to tell us what we have on the inside of us as saints, it will help us realize who we are in this world.

A housewife full of the Holy Ghost has as much power and authority to demonstrate Satan's defeat as any apostle, prophet, or pastor in the world! Do not seek out some special individual to bring deliverance to those you meet. When we face the works of Satan in demon possession, obsession, and oppression, the Bible says that **we are to demonstrate God's power.**

The Bible shows us that Satan is a defeated foe, but you must **act** on the Word of God to enforce his defeat. Know what is in your garage and use it!

You have the mighty Spirit of God within you to help you arise and be victorious in every situation. You have the Word of God, which is your instruction, to show you how to move in the power of God.

Second Timothy 3:16 tells us that **all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**

For instance, if you have a vacuum sweeper and you do not know what it is for or how to use it, it is not profitable to you even to have it. It is of no use to you

without an instruction manual. You might take it outside and try to mow your lawn with it. You can plug it in and push it all day and it will not cut one single blade of grass! Many people have tried to get the Holy Ghost to do what He is not in us to do! Read your instruction manual! The manual is the Bible!

You Can Demonstrate Satan's Defeat

The Holy Ghost is in us to demonstrate that Satan is a defeated foe. Jesus said, **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord** (Luke 4:18,19).

Jesus said that through the Holy Ghost, **WE WOULD BRING A DEMONSTRATION TO THE WORLD THAT SATAN IS ALREADY A DEFEATED FOE!** It is not up to us to defeat Satan—Jesus has done all of that! We are to demonstrate that the work is **ALREADY** done and that every believer can live a victorious life!

Satan is a Defeated Foe!

When I was first filled with the Holy Ghost, I would travel to minister and preach. I would go to other towns by myself. My family would stay at home. Every time I would call home, I would discover that my entire family was ill. This happened so often that I did not even want to

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call home because I knew everyone would be sick.

I was such a poor example of what I preached and believed. I was out on the evangelistic field preaching the great, good, free, full gospel and praying for the sick. People were getting healed and my family was at home suffering!

Every time I started to leave on a trip, symptoms would arise. One day such a holy anger came on me. It was the Holy Ghost within me rising up at seeing the devil torment my family. My spirit rebelled against that sickness. As I stood in our den, I lifted my hands and I declared, "It is enough! It is enough! It is enough! I am not going to allow this any more. I am through with this sickness in the Name of Jesus!"

I gathered my family together. We prayed in every room of our house. We decreed that the blood of Jesus prevailed in our house. Then we marched outside together and declared that the blood of Jesus prevailed over all of our property, every inch of our land. Thank God, we broke the power of Satan over our home!

All sickness left! From that time forth, I never had a bad report from home!

You do not have to tolerate the attacks of Satan. You can demonstrate his defeat!

You see, it is up to YOU to allow the power of God to flow through you by the Holy Ghost so that you will demonstrate to the world that Satan is a defeated foe!

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Start in your own personal life.

YOU must cast out demons in Jesus' Name (see Mark 16:17).

YOU must lay hands on the sick and they will recover (see Mark 16:18).

YOU must resist the devil and he will flee from YOU (see James 4:7).

YOU must put on the armor of God (see Ephesians 6:13).

YOU must preach the Gospel to the world (see Mark 16:15).

YOU must speak in tongues (see Mark 16:17).

YOU MUST ARISE AND ACT—YOU MUST DO IT!

When you begin to experience this victory in your own life, you will want to begin to move out into the arenas of life, into the highways and byways of towns and cities and do something for other people. As you do, the Holy Ghost will rise up within you to bring a demonstration that Jesus will do what He says He can do in His Word.

Luke 4:28 reveals to us the secret of being used by the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to:**

... preach the Gospel to the poor.

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- ... preach the recovering of sight to the blind.
- ... set at liberty them that are bruised.
- ... preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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- ... preach the acceptable year of the Lord!

Now, go forth and preach the Gospel to the poor! Jesus commanded us to, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature** (Mark 16:15).

Go to the aid of that one with a broken heart. Bring healing to those in sorrow. As you allow the Holy Ghost to arise in your spirit, you will find that the compassion of Jesus will begin to flow like a soothing, healing stream to those in need.

Many people are held in bondage by demonic forces in our generation. Jesus said, **In my name shall [you] cast out demons** (Mark 16:17). As you study God's Word

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and you begin to see yourself seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, and as you begin to exercise that authority that is already yours, the captives will be set free!

This is the demonstration that God wants you to bring to the world.

Do not turn away from sighing, dying, broken humanity. Within you resides the power of God! You have the Answer that their hearts long for and His Name is JESUS. He has chosen to flow through you to the world. He has purposed to lift you to a new realm of victory in your own personal life. And His desire is that you might so dwell in Him that **YOU WILL BRING A DEMONSTRATION TO THE WORLD THAT SATAN IS A DEFEATED FOE!**

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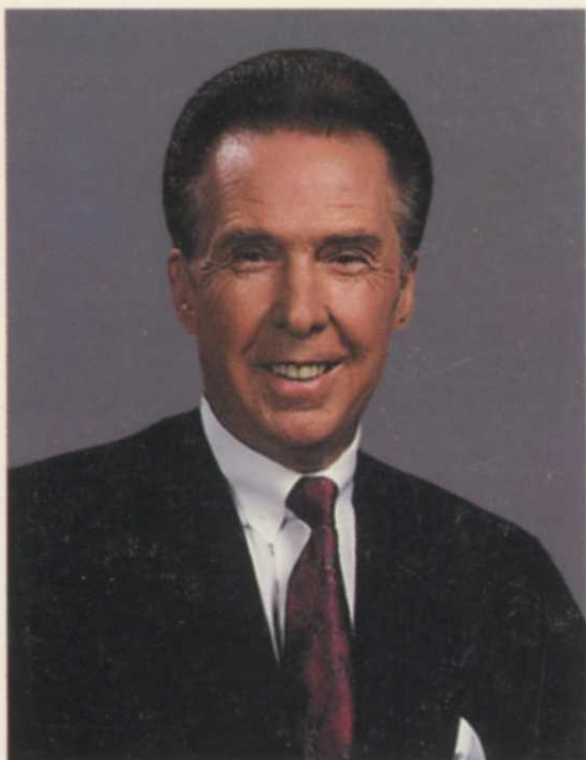
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